## Town of Felton Public Hearing June 8, 2020 6:00pm

Mayor Clendaniel called the Public Hearing Meeting of Felton to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 8, 2020. Present at the meeting were:

<u>Council Members</u>: Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Vice-Mayor Joe Yapsuga, Anthony Carroll (via zoom teleconference), Diana Dolan-Beulah and Bill Brittingham.

**<u>Staff</u>**: Chief Levi Brown, Town Manager, Rebecca Greene, Incoming Town Manager, Amy Thomas and Town Clerk, Tracey Thompson.

<u>Public</u>: Via Zoom teleconference: Resident- Brian Johnson and Bruce Hartig, Michael Swank-Representative for 568 Walnut Street. Four unnamed callers.

## **Property Tax Increase- Proposed Increase:**

Rebecca presented the tax increase and the three year plan for raising the tax rate. Rebecca opened the discussion for citizens to comment. Brian Johnson wanted to know what the increase in money was going towards. Rebecca responded that the money was going towards the operating budget. She proceeded to go in depth on costs that have exceeded the amount that the current budget allowed. Brian Johnson questioned if we have looked into cutting costs in other areas of the budget in order to keep the current tax rate. Rebecca responded that for the past two years we have cut costs in areas and still remain in the negative.

Mayor Clendaniel closed the Public Hearin	g @ 6:15 pm.
Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk prepared t	nese minutes.
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